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Every AFL member who contributes voluntarily to Labor's League for Political Education this year will receive a membership card like that shown here. The funds collected will be divided between the national league and the states in which they are contributed. The contributions are the only means by which trade unionists can help their friends win election in 1954 to Congress, the legislature and the city council. The money will be collected locally and sent to national and international unions for transmittal to national LLPE headquarters.

Carpenter Auxiliary Elects Officers; Party is Success

Ladies Auxiliary 674 of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 elected officers at the unit's May 18 meeting, with installation scheduled for the meeting of Monday night (June 1) at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St.

At the installation meeting, to which the public is invited, the Auxiliary's new charter will be formally presented, according to Mrs. Lexie Sheffield, publicity chairman. Incoming officers will wear formal dress.

New officers include:

President—Mrs. Nora Maxwell.

Vice President—Mrs. Marjorie L. Baker.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Kathy Dalton.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Goldie Kouba.

Warden—Mrs. Willie Sweat.

Conductor—Mrs. Eleanor Maxwell.

Trustees—Mrs. Antoinette McCullough, Mrs. Hazel Rudy and Mrs. Beverly Dickson.

Nearly 60 members of Ladies Auxiliary 674 and of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey turned out on Friday night, May 15, for the "Mr. and Mrs." pot luck supper and entertainment, first formal function of the new auxiliary and an outstanding success.

According to Mrs. Lexie Sheffield, publicity chairman for the Auxiliary, the support was served in the downstairs room of Carpenters Hall, where union members

had set up a television set to view the Walcott-Marciano "fight."

After the supper had been served by Mrs. Nora Maxwell and her committee, Thomas Elide, business agent of Local 1323, and Mrs. Charles Sheffield, retiring as president pro tem of the Auxiliary, displayed the new Auxiliary charter which has been framed for presentation at the June 1 meeting.

Six acts of entertainment by popular local performers were presented in the upstairs meeting hall, with Cal Anders, of the First Theatre, as master of ceremonies.

Acts included: Mary McElroy, vocalist; Don Adams, pianist, and Cal Anders, comedy dance and patter; Miss Mavis Boyd, USO and radio personality, popular songs; Crabbe & Collins, teen-age tap team; Amy Luce, child monologist and dancer who has appeared in the Hollywood Bowl and on TV; the Hadley Brothers and their mother, Mrs. Arlene Hadley, popular songs, and "Ace" Tumbleson, guitarist-harmonica - western song novelty.

Mrs. Sheffield extended the thanks of the Auxiliary to the entertainers and to the carpenters for assistance in making the supper and party a big success.

BRAMBLETT PAYROLL CHARGE TO BE AIRED

Charges of payroll padding and improper solicitation of campaign funds against Representative Ernest K. Bramblett, anti-union Pacific Grove Republican, will be presented to a federal grand jury in Washington on May 27, it was disclosed last week.

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, in announcing the formal investigation, declared:

"On May 27, 1953, United States Attorney Leo A. Rover will go before a District of Columbia grand jury to start an investigation of the disposition of funds allocated to the office of Representative Ernest K. Bramblett of California for clerk hire."

The announcement by Brownell confirmed earlier reports, such as those carried by the S.F. Examiner on March 25, that the 13th District Congressman had been under inquiry by the FBI for several months.

Three weeks ago Warren Olney III, assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division said the case had been turned over to the U.S. Attorney's office with a

recommendation for immediate prosecution.

Witnesses before the jury will include John Hardaway of Monterey, former campaign manager for Bramblett, and Mrs. Hardaway. They have been instructed to bring with them records concerning their past associations with the Congressman and his wife.

Charges against Bramblett, reportedly emanating from a former employee in his Washington office, are to the effect that the Congressman accepted campaign contributions from his employees in violation of federal statutes and that he carried his wife and sister-in-law on his payroll although they rarely made an appearance at his office.

Bramblett, who has been in ill health in recent months, was unavailable for comment.

Labor Councils To Join AFL Organizing Move

All central labor councils in the state will be invited to participate in a new AFL organizational and educational program being planned now by Tom Randall, acting regional director for the American Federation of Labor.

In conversation with A. J. Clark, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Council, Randall last week outlined the program whereby council secretaries will meet quarterly, will caucus prior to the California State Federation of Labor conventions, and will conduct occasional open meetings at which wives and guests of delegates will be informed regarding labor topics.

Clark quoted Randall as declaring that the state is to be divided into northern and southern districts for the new program. Of the state's 36 central labor bodies, it was asserted, only about 15 are active and the rest must be reactivated, he added.

Labor council secretaries will be asked to convene before the state convention this year. Following this session, regular quarterly meetings will be held concurrently in the north and south divisions, with the same problems discussed at division sessions.

The open meetings of the labor councils, Clark said, will not be "social" events, but will be for the purpose of handling regular labor matters and for confidential labor discussions, both economic and political.

Randall is acting director of AFL Region 14, which is made up of California, Oregon, Washington, Western Canada and Alaska. He is to inform all labor councils of his new program plans in the near future, he told Clark.

LABORERS 272 RETAIN MOST KEY OFFICERS

Executive officers of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas have been nominated for re-election without opposition in the union's current election schedule.

Balloting for executive board and delegate positions will be at the June 8 meeting in Salinas. Election is for three-year terms.

Without opposition for re-election are, Carl Jones, union president; Manuel Carvalho, union vice-president; John F. Mattos, union secretary; Wray D. ("Bill") Empe, union business agent.

Housing Project Dispute Settled

Dispute between several Salinas unions and Barry Richards, contractor for the Monterey County Housing Authority projects in Salinas and Gonzales, was settled last week and workers were expected back on the job on Monday of this week.

Details of the dispute were not reported, although it was understood that basis of the issue was the health and welfare plans of unions. Richards, who has headquarters in Studio City, agreed to union stipulations, according to reports.

DEFECTIVE MUFFLER

A clogged muffler or a bent muffler tail pipe on your car can create sufficient back pressure to cause poor engine performance, states the California State Automobile Association.

1954 IS CRUCIAL TO LABOR, LLPE WARNS

(AFL Release)

Philadelphia—James McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education, speaking before the convention of the American Federation of Hosiery workers, said that labor's position on Capitol Hill is much stronger today than it was in 1947 as a direct result of the political education by the trade union movement during the last five years.

"In spite of the Republican sweep in the last election, labor today has twice as many friends in the House of Representatives as it had in 1947," McDevitt said. "Labor has half again as many friends in the Senate as it had in 1947. This has been a direct result of the continuing interest of trade unionists in electing their friends and defeating their enemies."

BARGAINING THREE-WAY

McDevitt pointed out that prior to the Taft-Hartley Act, collective bargaining involved just two parties, management and labor. But under Taft-Hartley, he said, collective bargaining has become a three-party affair with the Federal Government interfering in labor-management relations.

"The Government no longer serves as an impartial umpire but now has the power to decide what can go into the contract and to review and censor any contract agreed to by management and labor," he added.

The LLPE director declared that "1953 should be utilized by labor as a year of preparation for the crucial test of 1954," saying "unless labor's friends are able to hold their own in 1954, we can expect the same treatment which we received from the 80th Congress in 1947."

"Beginning this month, LLPE is starting its fund-raising program to raise sufficient funds to help labor's Congressional friends next year."

NEED FUNDS EARLY

"One-half of all the senators up for election in 1954 are from one-party states where the election is decided in the primary. For that reason, funds are needed early since the battle is over long before the November general election in these cases."

In reviewing techniques used by labor's enemies this year, McDevitt noted that "what they have been unable to accomplish by legislative action they have attempted to do by administrative action."

"The raising of interest rates, the abandonment of public power projects, the giving away of priceless natural resources, and the appointment of top administration officials opposed to the statutes they are supposed to carry out are causing deep concern even to those who voted for a change last November."

"Labor has no choice with regard to continuing its political education program," he told the delegates. "Labor's responsibility is not in collective bargaining alone. We must have protection against legislative action as well. The answer lies with the AFL membership. If every AFL member will support the non-partisan policy of the AFL and vote for those candidates pledged to support the interests of working people we will not have to worry about unfair legislation or administrative trickery."

Dinner Fetes Apprentices In Monterey

Twenty-three apprentices in 11 different crafts in Monterey who have completed their training period were presented with completion certificates at the fifth annual "graduation" ceremonies for the Monterey apprentice program last Friday night.

Arrangements were made for the party by Walter Stuefoten and James A. Taylor, of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Council. Union officials were in attendance, with Thomas Elide, business agent of Carpenters Union 1323, representing the local union, the apprentice council, and the District Council of Carpenters.

The completing apprentices and their trades included:

Carpenters: Donn M. Appleton, Carl J. Bua, Robert W. Krebs, John Pettas, Frank Rombi.

Automotive Trades: Earl A. Hansen, A. J. Howard, Robert J. Loomis.

Plasterers: Joe Favazza, Douglas Feliciano.

Electricians: Donald Day, Raymond D. Green, William B. Lewis (Neon Sign).

Meat Cutter: Albert Estabrook.

Plumbers & Steamfitters: William J. Costa, Bernie Warrington, Jr.

Sheet Metal: Gilbert C. Geissler, Alebt B. Everly.

Composer: Nick J. Nishi.

Shoe Repairman: Tony Soliz.

Radio Repairman: Theodore J. Twisselman.

Optical Technician: Willie L. Warner.

CARPENTERS 925 OFFICE CLOSING ALL DAY SATURDAY

Offices of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas will be closed all day this Saturday, May 30 (Memorial Day), Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin reports.

Effective on Monday, June 1, the office will resume its regular hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the return of Mrs. Margaret Brown, office secretary, from her extended vacation, Baldwin added.

ple we will not have to worry about unfair legislation or administrative trickery."

Mason Tenders Get Strike OK

Following breakdown of negotiations for a new contract, mason tenders of Laborers unions in Monterey, Salinas and Santa Cruz have requested and have been granted strike sanction of the Building Trades Council in the two counties involved.

Spokesmen for the unions said mason contractors have offered only cuts in pay and no health and

welfare plan—despite the fact that nearly all building tradesmen are being granted wage boosts throughout the state, plus their welfare plans. Unions are asking 15 cents wage increase.

Deadline for resumption of negotiations on an equitable basis and for the strike sanction to become effective was set as Monday (June 1), it was reported.

Salinas City Election—Monday June 1st.

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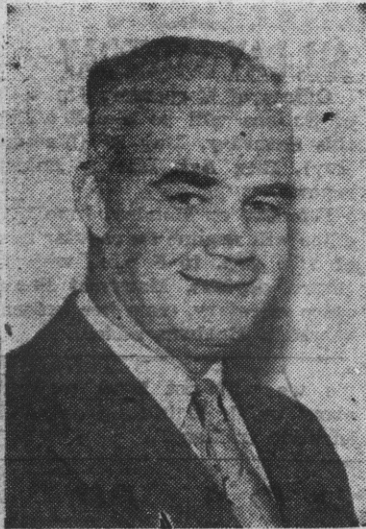
City Election
Monday, June 1st

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Hartley Wants His Name Erased From Taft-Hartley

Washington (LPA)—Former Congressman Fred A. Hartley, Jr. told the House Labor Committee early this month that the law he co-sired and which bears his name should be kept but the name changed, because "the names of its authors have become a symbol of evil in the minds of many American workers."

Hartley made the suggestion, he said, "even though this may hurt my personal pride, for I am proud to have my name associated with this law."

He also asserted: "The fact of the matter is that the individual workers, union and non-union as well, have more protection under the Taft-Hartley Law than they had under the Wagner Act, or any other labor law."

Another quote: "The ban on jurisdictional strikes alone has saved the skilled craftsmen millions of dollars in wages that would have been lost to them had it not been for this provision in the law. It has enabled the American Federation of Labor to accomplish something it had been trying to work out, without success, for many, many years: It brought about an agreement with contractor associations all over the U.S., setting up machinery for the settlement of jurisdictional strikes."

Another: "... these benevolent labor leaders are still able, apparently in spite of the Taft-Hartley Law, to crack down and interfere with the individual union member's right to work."

He cited as an example the case of poor, hungry Cecil B. DeMille, the notorious enemy of organized labor who coined the slogan "the right to work." De Mille was kicked out of the American Federation of Radio Artists for refusing to pay dues and assessments, an expulsion that was upheld in the courts. Though DeMille may still act in radio dramas, union members refuse to appear with him. This, said Hartley, is "interference" with DeMille's "right to work."

A new hormone, a product of the pituitary, may promote the production of red blood cells and may be useful in controlling anemias, according to a team of research scientists at the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Be Sure You Vote!

STATE FEDERATION CONVENES AUG. 10, SF

(State Fed. Release)

The official call to the 51st convention of the California State Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco August 10-14, was issued this week by the Executive Council of the state AFL movement.

IBEW Awards First 60-Year Pin to Member, Spry at 80

Chicago (LPA)—The first 60-year membership pin ever awarded by the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was presented to Charles M. Paulsen, 80, president of Local 134 since 1918. Presentation was made by IBEW President Dan Tracy at a regional conference of locals here.

Paulsen received his first union card in Milwaukee—the 375th card issued by the international. A line-man in that city, he subsequently "boomed" across the country through forests, mountain ranges and across rivers to string power lines.

He attended his first IBEW convention in 1903 as a delegate from Chicago Local 9. He transferred to Local 134 in 1905 and attended every international convention since. He has represented the union at every AFL convention since 1923.

Elected to the international union's executive board in 1930, he became its chairman two years later.

Hotel Employees Win Thompson Election

Chicago—The Hotel and Restaurant Employees here won a representation election at 18 Thompson restaurants, climaxing an 18-month campaign studded with law suits and hearings. The workers voted 146 to 70 to affiliate with the AFL union.

Convention business will be conducted in San Francisco's historic Civic Auditorium, with President Thomas L. Pitts scheduled to open the week-long program sharply at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10.

A warning that California labor "simply cannot ignore economic and political terrorists who would turn back the clock of history to old, dismal eras of industrial relations," featured the traditional convention message to affiliated unions and councils.

Issued in the name of C. J. Hagerty, secretary-treasurer; President Pitts, and the 24 regional vice-presidents, the message expressed alarm at "the increasing influence of wreckers and demagogues within the ranks of industry and commerce." It declared that the AFL, to protect its existence, must stand "as one fighting family against every encroachment, every challenge, every snare."

Convention representation for local unions is based on average per capita tax paid during the 11-month period ending May 31, 1953. Unions are entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members or major fraction thereof, not to exceed six delegates from any one local.

Deadline for the receipt of resolutions (in triplicate) is Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1953.

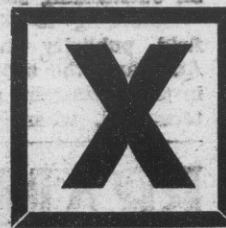
Credentials and authorized delegates' lists will be mailed to the affiliated unions and councils as soon as the annual audit permits.

To obtain full voting strength, all per capita tax for the fiscal year, including the month of May, must have been paid before May 31, 1953.

Convention headquarters will be the Whitcomb Hotel in downtown San Francisco.

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SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

Editor of "Labor" Retires After 33 Years of Service

In connection with the recent retirement of Edward Keating as editor of the Railroad Brotherhood's official paper, Labor, the Train Dispatcher publishes an interesting account of the life of the man, who started and steered to success one of the most outstanding publications of our time. The story in full is as follows:

Edward Keating, who had piloted Labor since its founding over 33 years ago, stepped down from active management on April 1 to become "Manager-Editor Emeritus for Life." He is succeeded by Ruben Levin, who has been associate editor since November 1951.

Born on a little farm in eastern Kansas on July 9, 1875, Ed Keating was the last of nine children. He was only three years old when his father died, and his mother moved the family to the frontier town of Pueblo and then later to Denver. At 14, Ed became a breadwinner of the family. His first job was as a "butcher" on a passenger train

out of Denver to the mining camp of Aspen, Colorado. Then he got into a men's furnishing store, and a few months later landed on the old Denver Republican as a copyholder in the proof room. As soon as he could, he joined the Typographical Union. In fact, he was a union member long before he was old enough to vote.

Except for several years spent in public office, Ed Keating remained a newspaper man throughout his life. When only 23, he was elected City Auditor of Denver, youngest man ever elected to high office in that city. Later, he became President of the State Board of Land Commissioners, in which position he blocked grafters who tried to rob the state in public land deals.

Keating joined the Denver Rocky Mountain News when a youngster, starting as proofreader. Becoming a reporter, he advanced rapidly to city editor and finally to managing editor, being the youngest man in such a position on a Class I paper in the United States.

The News was owned by the late Senator Thomas M. Patterson, a multi-millionaire, but a liberal and a staunch friend of the workers. The News was a hard-hitting, crusading paper, and with the full backing of the owner, Keating made things hum, never soft-peddling a fight for the public interest, even when the advertisers threatened—and imposed boycotts.

During his newspaper career, Keating served through three of the bloodiest strikes in the West's history, each approximately 10 years apart.

Keating ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket in 1912 and won decisively. All told, he served three terms in the House and became one of the workers' foremost champion on Capitol Hill. He was chairman of the "labor bloc" in the House, and under his leadership, many significant victories for liberal legislation were won.

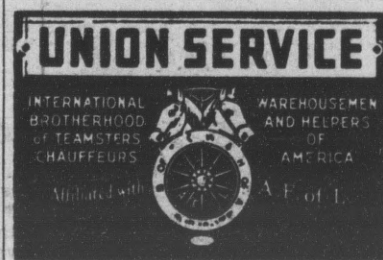
Among the measures he sponsored or helped pilot to success were: the Adamson Eight-Hour Law for railroad workers; the first bill giving pensions to government employees; the first Federal Child Labor Law; and the first model Minimum Wage Law.

After leaving Congress, he was appointed to a Commission to Re-classify Government Employees. It was the first time the Federal workers had been classified, and out of it came a substantial improvement in their wages and conditions.

At about this time the chiefs of the Standard Railroad Labor Organizations were advocating the Plumb Plan—a proposal that the railroads, then under Federal operation, be continued under government ownership, with control vested in representatives of the workers, the managements, and the public. Keating was induced to become manager of the Plumb Plan League, which, at the time, was putting out a miniature paper called Railroad Democracy. Keating persuaded the chiefs to establish a full-size, national, weekly newspaper to be known as Labor, which would be unsubsidized and would not carry a line of advertising.

"When I undertook the task, I thought it would be finished within six months and that I could return to the daily newspaper field," Keating declared. "I was a poor guesser. I spent over 33 years on the job."

"Labor started with a deficit and no subscribers. Today, it has over 850,000 paid subscribers—a more impressive subscription list than any other labor paper on the North American continent. Also, it owns its own home and plant in Washington, and has reserves sufficient to tide it over any emer-



Executive Board member Bud Montgomery is passing out cigars. He's the father of a brand new boy. Congratulations! Also Dick Klingensmith, who is the proud papa of a baby girl born May 17.

Ray Williamson was injured in a wreck near King City last week. Ray was standing by his truck, which had broken down, when a woman driver collided with his parked truck. He will receive visitors at the Salinas Valley Hospital. Get well soon, Ray.

Elmer Boren is also on the sick list. He suffered a heart attack while attending the Junior Rodeo. He is receiving visitors in Salinas Valley Hospital. Elmer would ap-

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Was Eisenhower Sincere?

Last Sept. 25, Gen. Eisenhower said in Frederick, Md.: "The loyal, efficient federal employee, no matter where he is working, has nothing to fear from me."

On Oct. 28, the general, speaking over a television network from New York City, said: "Efficient civil servants have absolutely nothing to fear from this crusade that is coming in to clean out Washington."

And on Oct. 30 in a statement to the Washington Post, Eisenhower said: "There will be no indiscriminate firings of civilian employees."

It is a little hard to reconcile those campaign promises with the current wave of firings of career civil service employees in nonpolitical jobs.

Among those who have been, or are being, discharged, are such eminent and veteran government workers as the director of the National Bureau of Standards, the director of the Bureau of Land Management, the director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, the veteran administrator of Social Security, Arthur Altmeyer; the administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, and the director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. All of these gentlemen held nonpolitical posts requiring wide background, expert knowledge and intelligent administration.

It is up to President Eisenhower to admonish the new "team" in Washington to play the game according to the rules which he himself laid down.

Electric Shock

The private utility lobby, which has itching fingers for the power facilities built and paid for by the taxpayers, got quite a surprise the other day when Assistant Secretary of the Interior Fred Aandahl told the U. S. Chamber of Commerce that it would be a "policy of error" for the Eisenhower Administration to dispose of such facilities.

"If this administration or any other administration should turn federally-produced power over to big business there would be an adverse reaction among the people," Aandahl declared.

Coming from Aandahl, a former North Dakota Congressman who repeatedly voted in the interests of Big Business while in the House of Representatives, such a declaration was a distinct shock to such outfits as the National Association of Electric Companies.

If this threatened give-away is prevented, labor will be among the first to cheer.

But When?

Has Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield read the platform adopted last year by the Republican Party?

It said, "We pledge a more efficient and frequent mail delivery service."

"Productivity soars when there is a line of job seekers at the gate. . . . The only way to get a day's work out of a man is to threaten his children with starvation."—Barron's Weekly, March 14, 1949.

Democracy is a process, not a static condition. It is becoming, rather than being. It can easily be lost, but never is fully won. Its essence is eternal struggle.—Justice William H. Hastie.



HARVEY BALDWIN
Bus. Agt. Salinas Carpenters
Union 925

It should be pointed out that there are two factors in the Old Age and Survivors Insurance program which are sometimes confused. In this discussion of how a person qualifies for benefits, I would like to clarify the difference between these two factors.

To "become insured" under the Social Security program means that a required amount of work has been performed under the program. This amount of work is measured on a term we call "quarters of coverage." A certain number of these quarters of coverage are required before benefits can be paid. The number of quarters of coverage, however, does not have any direct relationship with the size of the benefit.

After defining "quarter of coverage," I think you will understand what I mean. A quarter of coverage is a three-month period beginning on the first of January, April, July or October of each year in which an individual is paid \$50 or more in wages. If you were self-employed, you will be given four quarters of coverage for the calendar year if your self-employment income is \$400 or more.

You will be fully insured when you reach 65 or when you die if you have at least one quarter of coverage for each two calendar quarters that have passed since Dec. 31, 1950 (or after you reach age 21, whichever is later) to your death or your attainment of age 65. At least six quarters of coverage are necessary in any case. When you have 40 quarters of coverage, you are fully insured for life. You may have earned these quarters of coverage by working as an employee at any time after 1936 and by self-employment after 1950.

In my next article, I will furnish a table showing the required number of quarters of coverage at age 65 in order to be fully insured. It should be noted that a quarter of coverage can be obtained upon a minimum of \$50 earnings in a calendar quarter. Since benefits are based upon average monthly earnings, it is now apparent that the quarters of coverage a person has do not determine the size of his benefit. He must first have the number of quarters. After he achieves this, then his average earnings and his benefit are computed.

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Frank Edwards
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Washington, D. C.

• The Grand Steal:

The smell of oil reeked in the United States Senate on May 5 when 56 Senators voted for the Holland giveaway bill, granting to just 8 states the \$50-\$100 billion worth of offshore oil which belongs to all the people of all the states. A courageous band of liberal Senators tried vainly to stop this public plunder. The roll call vote on the Holland oil lobby bill: 56 for; 35 against.

The Hill Amendment, which would have given all the states part of the offshore oil revenues to aid the schools and teachers in every state, was defeated, too, in the oil lobby steamroller in the Senate. I suggest that each Senator who voted against the Hill amendment might take at least one rundown school in his own state and endeavor to make up to them in some small way the assistance of which he deprived them by his vote. He might finance this assistance painlessly for himself by sending the chosen school half of the next campaign check given to him by some grateful oil company.

The only way left to the public to protest this oil grab bill is to flood the White House with letters, wires and postcards, urging President Eisenhower to veto the Holland giveaway bill. Time is very short; This is your last chance—write today to the President.

• Time for a Change:

Speaker Joe Martin, GOP leader in the House of Representatives, says the President is getting excellent cooperation from Congress. True enough . . . but, in the pinch, the President is getting cooperation from the Democrats in Congress. They helped him secure the confirmation of Charles Bohlen as Ambassador to Moscow; are helping the President in the fight against the Bricker amendment; and are supporting Mr. Eisenhower's request for extension of the vital reciprocal trade program.

JOKES, Etc.

One day Papa Hog wandered off away from his cozy little sty and his wife and little piggies. He came upon a puddle of beer that had been spilled in the road. He drank so much of it that by the time he got home he was staggering and trying to squeal a song.

When Mama Hog saw him, she whisked the little pigs off to bed and then said to him:

"Shame on you, Henry Hog, making such a human being of yourself in front of the little ones!"

A comboy boarded an air liner at Billings, Mont., on a day when gusty mountain winds made flying pretty rough. In spite of the numerous requests of the stewardess, however, he refused to fasten his seat belt.

"Young lady," he snorted, "for 30 years I've rode everything I ever mounted, and I ain't about to

be saddle tied now. Let 'er buck! I'll ride 'er!"

Prof: "Young man in the back of the room, what was the date of the signing of the Declaration of Independence?"

"Dunno."

Prof: "Let's try another. Who was Tom Paine?"

"Dunno."

Prof: "Well, well. I assigned these questions last Thursday. What were you doing last night?"

"Drinking beer with some of the boys."

Prof: "You mean to stand there and tell me that? How do you expect to pass this course?"

"I dunno, bud. I just came to fix the steam pipes."

A young midshipman reported to the commanding officer of a battleship for duty. The officer was a gruff old sailor who had worked his way up through the years. He sized up the young man with anything but a friendly air, and said, "Well, young one, I suppose that, as usual, they've sent the fool of the family to sea."

"Oh, no, sir," replied the midshipman candidly, "they changed all that since your time, sir."

Isn't it a blessing we aren't getting all the government we're paying for?

The bored reporter returned from the political speech he had been assigned to cover.

"Well, what did our noble candidate have to say?" asked the editor.

"Nothin'," grunted the reporter. "In that case," instructed the editor, "keep it down to a column."

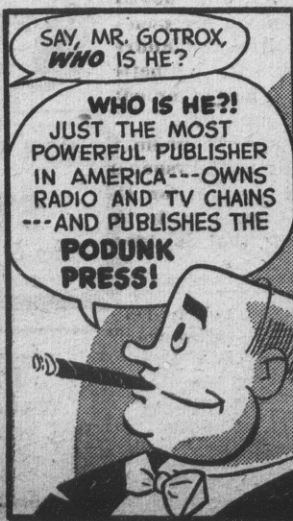
Teacher: "Do you know why the little chickens come out of the eggs, Tommy?"

Tommy: "They know they'd get cooked if they stayed inside."



LOOK AGAIN—No, it's not Rita Hayworth, but a very satisfactory substitute—Mary Castle of Columbia Pictures. (LPA)

"UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings



UNION AUTHORS.—Mark Knowles and F. Van Den Branden display a copy of their recently published book, "Plastering Skills and Practice." Knowles heads the plastering department of the Detroit Building Trades Apprentice School. Van Den Branden, an assistant instructor at the school, is president of AFL Plasterers Local 16 and former head of the Detroit Plastering Industry Joint Conference. (LPA)

Bread and Butter Facts There's Still Time to Save Rent Control Program

By BERT SEIDMAN
Assistant Economist, AFL

Succumbing to the pressure of real estate and landlord interests, the Congress has voted to wipe out federal rent controls on July 31 in all but a few communities. But there is still a chance to save the rent control program. As long as

Congress is still in session, rent controls can still be extended if the millions of tenants whose rent may be boosted tell their senators and congressmen NOW that rent controls must be maintained wherever they are needed to prevent skyrocketing rents.

Probably more than any other group, congressmen keep their ears to the ground. If they hear a swelling roar of protest from their constituents against the killing of rent controls, they can—and will—change their minds about allowing rent controls to expire on July 31.

GIGANTIC HOAX

Top spokesmen for the Administration and the President himself have tried to sell the idea that state or local rent controls can be substituted for the federal program after July 31 and that local communities are being given, in the President's words, "a full opportunity to take over." This "full opportunity to take over" which the Administration is "generously" affording the local communities is nothing but a gigantic hoax.

The fact is that most communities now under federal rent control cannot establish local controls no matter how badly they are needed. Only four states in the entire nation permit local communities to institute rent controls. In New York State, there is a statewide rent control program. In the other 43 states it would require action by the state legislatures to permit cities and towns in which tenants are now protected by federal rent controls to establish local programs.

Trade unionists in communities throughout the country are nevertheless using might and main, in the face of heavy odds, to obtain the necessary legislative action to permit state or local rent controls. But most state legislatures are not in session and the governors, who are almost all opposed to rent controls, refuse to call special sessions.

Moreover, even if they were in session, the rural-dominated state legislatures have shown again and again that they are unsympathetic with the fundamental needs of city residents.

SERIOUS HARDSHIPS

The serious hardships forced upon tenants when rent controls are removed too soon have been demonstrated in communities from coast to coast. When the controls expire, nearly all tenants are faced with substantial rent increases; some landlords demand doubled or even tripled rents; and the low-

income families who are least able to bear the burden are nearly always hit with the steepest rent increases.

Reactionary congressmen who voted to kill rent controls are counting on the fact controls are slated to expire more than a year before the 1954 elections and that by November 1954 their constituents will have forgotten all about their knifing tenants.

If your community needs rent controls, tell your congressman he is elected to represent the people back home. Let him know that you and your fellow citizens will all be at the polls when he comes up for re-election next year and that you want rent controls extended. If he knows that, he will think twice about letting the controls die on July 31.

No Health Features In Health-Flex Shoes, FTC Complaint Charges

New York (LPA)—Claims that Health-Flex children's shoes sold here and in Wilmington, Del., will prevent or correct foot deformities or ailments have been branded false by the Federal Trade Commission.

A complaint issued by FTC against the company declared the Health-Flex shoes are merely stock shoes and any of their features that differ from other stock shoes make no significant contribution to correcting foot abnormalities or keeping feet healthy.

'STAGGERING JOB' TO BETTER HEALTH

Washington (LPA)—What Labor has been declaring for years, while the doctors' lobby has been shouting denials, is borne out in the latest report of the U.S. Public Health Service.

There is still a "staggering" job to be done to promote better health, the Service reported, adding that the nation needs more doctors, dentists, nurses, veterinarians, sanitary engineers, and laboratory technicians than the schools and colleges can turn out. The nation also needs more hospitals, health centers, and diagnostic equipment, the report said.

The American Medical Association has been denying for years that there is any shortage, has fought any move to make it possi-

Assembly Dumps Try at Wrecking Jobless Benefits

(State Fed. Release)

The anti-labor employers' lobby suffered a stunning reversal on the floor of the Assembly last week in Sacramento when the lower house voted 60 to 9 to return AB 2623 to its committee of origin.

Introduced by Assemblyman Ernest R. Geddes (R., Pomona), the measure had been passed by the Finance and Insurance Committee and came to the Assembly floor for a showdown vote.

On the motion of Assemblyman Laughlin E. Waters (R., Los Angeles), the bill was returned to the Finance and Insurance Committee, over violent objections of Assemblyman Harold K. Levering (R., Veverly Hills) and G. Delbert Morris (R., Los Angeles).

Waters' motion to recommit was seconded by Julian Beck (D., San Fernando) and carried in a 60-9 landslide.

Aimed at thousands of cannery, theatrical, and garment workers, the measure would have removed a possible 150,000 men and women from protection of the state Unemployment Insurance Law. The bill was scheduled for committee rehearing on May 25.

1952 Steel Strike Paid Off, Union Paper Declares

Pittsburgh (LPA)—The eight-week strike in 1952 "paid dividends," according to Steel Labor, the monthly publication of the Steelworkers.

The front page of the May issue was devoted to a blackboard "profit and loss" statement. This showed that the average striker lost a maximum of \$364.48 in wages, but that the wage increase and other benefits won had more than made up for this by March 31, 1953. Increased pay in that period, according to the paper, was \$380.80, or a net average gain of \$15.92.

"In terms of average annual earnings," the paper said, "the strike settlement means steelworkers in the future, based on current hours worked, will earn \$565.76 over and above pre-strike earnings."

The figures showed average weekly wages before the strike at \$74.68, and after the strike at \$85.56, an average weekly increase of \$10.88. Another comparison showed that average earned in the 35 weeks after the strike was \$2994.60, whereas it would have been only \$2613.80 in the same period at pre-strike rates.

The strike lasted from June 2 to July 28, and involved 550,000 in basic steel. It was forced by the refusal of the steelmakers to bargain unless they were assured of a government-approved price increase in advance. Although at the request of President Truman the union postponed the strike date several times, in the end the union was forced to go out. And the steelmakers got their pound of flesh from the government as the price of settling.

MOVE TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY

Washington (LPA)—A backfire to counteract increasing attempts to destroy the social security system has been started by individuals from 32 national labor, veterans, women's minority, civic, church and welfare organizations.

Following an all-day Citizens Conference on Social Security on May 14, a committee was named to ask for an immediate appointment with Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, to urge her to resist efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to scuttle social security and to take steps to see that President Eisenhower's pledges to expand social security coverage and increase benefits are carried out.

On the committee are: Nelson Cruikshank, AFL; Mrs. Katherine Ellickson, CIO; Miss Mary Anderson, former chief of the Women's Bureau of the old Federal Security Agency; Miss Elizabeth Magee, National Consumers League; Philip Schiff, National Jewish Welfare Board; Dr. Michael Davis, Committee for the Nation's Health, and others.

Conference delegates also will undertake a program to alert members of their organizations to the crisis facing the social security program.

The Chamber of Commerce proposal was described by Dr. Edwin White as a "baby Townsend Plan in which Santa Claus is not the Government, but the workers who have contributed to the Old Age and Survivors Insurance fund." Dr. White is professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin and was executive director of the late President Roosevelt's Committee on Economic Security.

He declared that the Chamber's plan, publicized as a proposal to extend Old Age and Survivors Insurance coverage and put it on a "pay as you go" basis, was in reality a "hand to mouth" system which would dissipate the present social security fund and place people who have paid into it in a position of asking for a dole to keep them alive after retirement.

The Chamber proposes, he said, to use the social security fund to give a \$25 per month pension to people over 65 who now receive old age assistance grants and who have not paid into the social security fund. Contributions into the fund would not be increased to cover the five million additional people drawing on the fund, which would mean the \$18-billion reserve in the fund would soon be exhausted, Dr. White said.

"Pay as you go" after that, he said, would mean as high as an eight per cent of payroll contribution by the year 2000, when the people now entering industry will be eligible to claim benefits. The present contributions are less than half of that.

Dr. White warned that unless effective action is taken to beat back such proposals, the nation faces the very real danger of not only failing to make necessary progress in the welfare field, but of losing a good part of the gains made in the social security field in the last 15 years.

Similar warnings were voiced by a panel of experts including Mrs. Ellickson, Cruikshank, Dr. Davis and Mrs. Marie Lane, of the American Public Welfare Association.

Mrs. Ellickson and Cruikshank are labor representatives on the C-of-C-dominated commission appointed by Mrs. Hobby to study the social security system. Mrs. Ellickson declared that the Chamber of Commerce view definitely is dominating commission discussions and that she and Cruikshank have been the only commission members "indiscreet" enough to suggest expanding social security, as pledged by President Eisenhower.

Cruikshank pointed out that the interests always opposed to social security have learned they cannot win by direct frontal attacks because the "American people like

the program," so they are now resorting to a slick, high-pressure publicity campaign in which they use "liberal, New Dealish sounding words" to attack the program.

He said this "new Time, Life, Fortune type of publicity was aimed at destroying the system" so employers will have at their plant gates a large pool of unemployed workers, old as well as young.

Mrs. Ellickson also warned of attempts to whittle away at state unemployment insurance programs and cut down on federal participation in these programs. She said the purpose of this drive was also to provide employers with a large group of unemployed and thus to undermine wage standards.

Renewing the charge that the medical advisor provided for Mrs. Hobby in the reorganization of her department "grew out of the American Medical Association's contribution to the last election," Dr. Davis questioned whether such an advisor, if he feels responsible to AMA, could "carry out his oath of office to serve the interest of all the people of the country."

The recommendations to be taken to Mrs. Hobby will include one that she "balance her special medical advisor by a Health Advisory Committee of her appointment, composed of men and women representing the people who receive and pay for medical care."

Over 1 Million Now Work in Bay Area

A study released by the San Francisco Bay Area Council, Inc. shows a total of 697,780 men engaged in gainful employment in the major employment centers of the nine Bay Area counties in 1952. Of a total of 1,042,030, there were 344,250 women. This compares to a total of 959,055 in 1950, the last time such a report was released. At that time 307,530 women were reported working regularly in the Bay Area.

The study, prepared from data gathered by the California State Department of Employment, according to Frederic B. Whitman, council chairman, highlights the diversity in the Northern California economy. Whitman pointed out the unusually high proportion of retail and wholesale employment to manufacturing personnel, indicative of the Bay Area's position as "shopping center" for the rural counties adjacent to this region.

Of the total, 248,375 men and women were reported engaged in these trade classifications as compared to 225,960 in the manufacturing industries.

Of the total labor force in the major employment centers in the nine counties, 668,000, or three-fifths, were employed in non-agricultural industries in Oakland and San Francisco.

The study, which included a report on salaries and wages, shows a range in stenographic salaries of from \$175 to \$250 per month in the 17 Bay Area communities for which figures were released. Machinists' hourly wages ranged from a low of \$2 per hour to \$2.25; electricians' from \$2.85 to \$3.05; construction workers from \$1.70 to \$2.10. Wage rates in food processing were from a low of \$1.24 per hour to \$1.58.

The following Bay Area communities were included in the study: Alameda, Berkeley, Hayward, Martinez, Napa, Oakland, Palo Alto, Petaluma, Pittsburg, Richmond, San Francisco, San Jose, San Mateo, San Rafael, Santa Rosa, South San Francisco and Vallejo.

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ANCIENT RULE BY I.C.C. IS BLASTED BY TEAMSTER CHIEF

Although America's trucking industry is a lusty, rapidly growing infant, it is treated like an orphan as regards legal status and rights, Dave Beck, Teamsters International Union president declared, speaking at Western Highway Institute seventh annual membership meeting at Santa Barbara.

Beck told delegates at a luncheon session May 1 in Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel the trucking industry needs a vast public relations program. He said at least two million dollars should be raised immediately for that purpose, and said the Teamsters Union would contribute \$100,000 to such a fund "within 24 hours."

The Teamsters President declared that to attain its full development and equal standing with the railroads in this country, trucking needs laws to protect its rights and also people on the Interstate Commerce Commission, who understand trucking problems. He said he had been one of a group to confer with the President recently and believes such representation on the Interstate Commerce Commission will eventually be obtained.

WORLD'S LARGEST

Meanwhile, Beck urged a full scale public relations program to

start immediately. In offering full support of the Teamsters in such a campaign, he pointed out this is the largest International Union in the world, with a membership of 1,500,000.

Speaking for that huge membership, Beck, who stepped up from head of the Western Conference of Teamsters to International President a few months ago, told the large audience of truckers:

"We are as much concerned over your prosperity as you are yourselves."

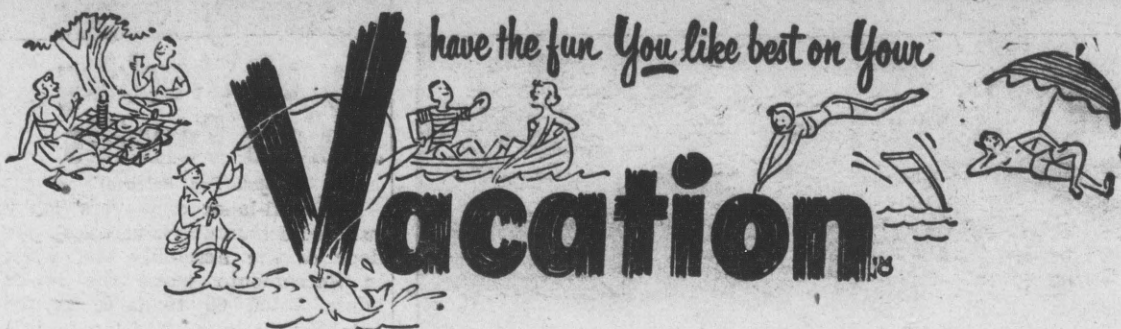
BROTHERHOOD

"In my opinion," said the Teamsters president, "the most outstanding thing developing throughout America today between capital and labor is the fraternity among us."

"There is a growing recognition today that by developing understanding, industry can find its greatest development, and out of that comes our employment."

Dave Beck is respected across the country not only because he heads the powerful Teamsters Union but because of the qualities that put him into that position of leadership. And so, as his voice boomed through the huge dining room, El Loggia, at the Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel, it was evident the large throng of assembled trucking industry leaders listened attentively, not only because of the strength of the labor leader's voice, but because of the direct and able thinking conveyed. Citing the importance and possibilities of the trucking industry, and keeping in his own mind and those of his hearers the size and importance of the union, Beck pointed to the parallel interests of the two and outlined deftly how management and labor can walk and work side by side to the greatest good for all concerned.

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and woman to make a contribution to industry in the form of capital," Beck pointed out, "but those who make their contribution in the form of labor, have made it just as certainly."

"A great many in this country have nothing but their physical labor," he added, "they are organized to sell their labor at the highest and best possible price."

If the industry fails to prosper, then the workers therein cannot receive a proper return either, the speaker said:

"You cannot take something out of industry unless it's in a prosperous condition," Beck warned.

Pointing out "in passing" that the Teamsters is the largest international in the world, the union president said its 1,500,000 members the previous month paid \$1,369,846 in dues.

"During the coming years I am going to exercise every effort at my command to build the highest possible relationship between the Teamsters and the Trucking Association of America," Beck asserted.

INDUSTRY HAS REAL TROUBLES

However, he warned— "Until we correct the evils now stagnating the industry, by convincing the bankers and all other social and economic leaders of the greatness of this investment and the greatness of this employment, we cannot hope to succeed. Public recognition of the importance of the trucking industry is needed."

Beck explained he was a member of a group to visit President Eisenhower recently and trying to prevail on him to appoint people on the Interstate Commerce Commission with understanding of trucking industry problems. So far, he said there has not been a single man so qualified serving there.

"In state after state the trucking industry is an orphan," the Teamsters President charged, citing the lack of publicity on needs of the industry.

He urged raising at least two million dollars immediately for a gigantic public relations program, to let the public know about the trucking industry, its needs and problems, besides its importance in the country's economy.

Good relations between management and labor help maintain economic stability, Beck pointed out also.

"Continuity of invested capital without interference by economic action" he cited as an aid to the (Continued on Next Page)

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Medical Society Admits Charges by Unions of Fee Boosts Are True

Worcester, Mass. (LPA)—Protests by many unions, whose contracts for hospitalization benefits provide for Blue Shield or other insurance coverage, that doctors are boosting fees—thus destroying or minimizing value of the insurance—were answered by an admission that the unions' charges are true. And that came straight from a segment of the medical profession.

The monthly publication of the Worcester District Medical Society said editorially: "Some doctors are hungry." It pointed out that where physicians and surgeons "formerly accepted the \$50 or \$100 that a patient could afford to pay for a procedure, they now accept the fee from the Blue Shield or other insurance and add another \$50 or more for the patient to pay."

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First N. A. Conference On Apprenticeship Set

San Diego (LPA)—Keynote speakers at the first North American Conference on Apprenticeship here Aug. 2-9 will be: James A. Brownlow, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department; R. J. Thomas, CIO assistant director of organization; Claude A. Putnam, machinery manufacturer, Keene, N.H., past president of the National Association of Manufacturers. More than 2500 delegates from labor, management, education and government from the U.S., Canada and Mexico are expected to take part in the conference.

20,000 Mile Tuna Search

Two marine biologists of the California Department of Fish and Game have just completed one of the longest research cruises in state history—a 20,000-mile tuna survey which took them to waters off Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands.

After a year at sea on the commercial fishing boat "Intrepid," biologists Harold B. Clemens, Jr. and Wayne J. Baldwin brought back new data on experimental tagging of yellowfin tuna and skipjack, and allied information which is needed in the State's continuous marine research program.

The pair also looked into commercial fishing techniques, tuna spawning ranges, and the feasibility of tagging from commercial vessels. Specimens were collected for other departmental projects.

Among the 1,600 fish tagged on the voyage, two already have been recovered. One had been out 33 days and moved 34 miles, the other had travelled five miles in 49 days from its tagging point.

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(Continued from Preceding Page) industry as a whole. "Some labor leaders get drunk with power and put industry against the wall, but in this International that is not the policy," he declared.

MEANS TO BUILD GOOD WILL

A continuing round of meetings and real effort at understanding on both sides can build fraternity, Beck said, and help keep the industry stable.

"The entire structure of the trucking industry is yet in its infancy," the union leader told the Western Highway Institute delegates, "but it is the outstanding transport service. It should really have a separate body to regulate it, the same as air and maritime fields do—and the Interstate Commerce Commission could continue to represent the railroads as it does now."

That brought laughter and applause from the truckers.

Beck predicted "in spite of the Interstate Commerce Commission and every physical obstacle" the industry will go on to greater development and prosperity.

FAIR WAGES, FAIR WORK

"We want our people to get good salaries and produce a good day's work," he said, "we do not oppose mechanization. We want to work with you on state and national legislation. We do not want strikes. We must demonstrate the path to travel without friction or war."

Sometimes muscle men move in to unions, he said, and "it requires physical stamina to deal with the underworld."

"We will throw out any muscle men or Communists," Beck asserted with emphasis.

"Racketeers do not occur just in labor," he added, however, mentioning that all other fields have them now and then also.

Western Highway Institute delegates listened with close attention to Beck's address, applauded long and loud at its close.

Board Chairman R. J. Acheson presiding, rose to remark: "There's only one way to answer Dave Beck. That's like the Indian who saw the smoke cloud from the atomic blast and said 'Wish I could have said that.'"

After the laughter, Acheson added, seriously, "Dave Beck is an honorable man; he has never lied

to any of us."

Also present at the luncheon session and introduced but not speaking was Frank Brewster, who became president of Western Conference of Teamsters when Beck

became International President.

Interviewed briefly, Brewster said he has worked long and closely with Beck and will follow in his footsteps as regards general policy and program.



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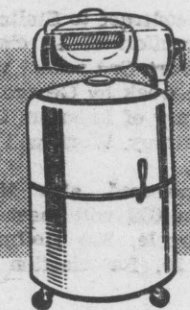
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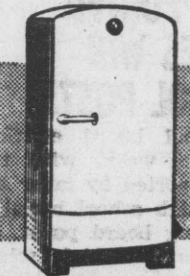
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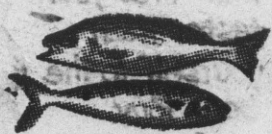
Legislature Kills Oregon Public Housing

Salem, Ore. (LPA)—Both House and Senate of the Oregon legislature have voted in effect to kill all future housing or slum clearance. The Senate has passed, 20 to 10, a bill previously passed by the House, requiring a vote of the people on any future housing or slum clearance projects.

(The Senate vote was followed in Portland by the resignation of the Very Rev. Thomas J. Tobin from the Portland Housing Authority. Father Tobin said "the trend in both legislation and appointments is making it practically impossible for the housing authority to carry out its statutory and moral obligations. The need for housing extremely low income families continues here but recent developments are against carrying out the church's social teachings on this score."

(His reference to "appointments" was to that of Mayor Fred L. Peterson, who recently named two anti-public housing people to the housing board.)

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Labor News

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1953

OUTPUT ENRICHES BOSSES, NOT LABOR

There is an old axiom that "a man is worthy of his hire." What is his hire? The calmly accepted version is a day's work. The productivity of the day's work should be the yardstick measurement of the pay rate, plus the skill required to perform such work.

The National Assn. of Manufacturers—which was never noted for reasonable pricing in the view of the consumer, and in the past doted on piecework instead of union daily rates, and speed-up systems in order for a worker to eke out anything resembling a reasonable way's wages—is now opposed to its shopworn concept.

The NAM is now calling for price cuts rather than pay increases as a result of improved technological processes and increased production per man per day.

The leaders of the NAM are looking for a sizable decrease in the cost of food products—should the Korean war end—and as a consequence they allege they want to pass the saving of a decreased food cost on to the consuming public—regardless of the amount of food-price decreases or how much an individual's productivity is increasing with new processes and technological developments.

It is getting about time someone labeled the NAM for what it really is—and that is a national anti-American-way-of-life association.

Its leaders and its methods are the Anti-Saloon League and other notorious anti-social organizations which have thrown their weight behind anti-social proposals.

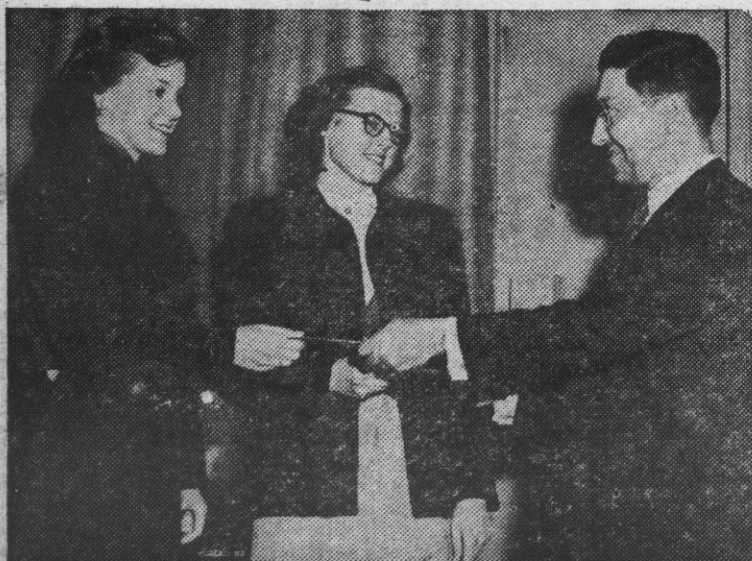
Of course, there is a four-way division of the savings of productivity gains, but the NAM cannot even visualize such a process, to wit:

Increased profit to the company to cover the increased cost of installed technological improvements as well as coverage of the debts incurred in such purchases, the sharing of the worker by increased wages in lowered production cost, and a reduced selling price to the consumer.

These are the factors that must be employed in our thinking and in our economics if the purchasing power of the American people is to be maintained at a level which will enable them to consume the products that improved technological processes turn out.

There is a wide variance as between industries as to technological development and increased productivity but, certainly, for organized industry to adopt any viewpoint against payment for higher productivity is a road block to purchasing power. — (Mine Workers Journal).

Scholarship Winners



Henry A. Kruse, secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Flat Janitors Union, AFL, is shown awarding the union's 1953 opportunity scholarships to Northwestern University to Ethel June Allard (left) and Arlene Irene Rasmussen. Both were unsuccessful contestants for the 1952 awards.

Moorhead Back Few Hours Daily

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County and secretary-business manager of Butchers Union 506, was able to return to his office last week after a long convalescence from a heart attack.

Moorhead said he would be able to work only two or three hours daily for the present, but that he was continuing to grow stronger and in a short time would probably return to his former schedule. He is under doctor's care and is not allowed to attend union meetings.

Stolte Starts Ord Classroom Project Soon

Approval of contract to Stolte & Co. for construction of 18 classrooms at the Fort Ord school was announced last week by George E. Jenkins, secretary of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey. Work will be started shortly.

Jenkins announced also that Laborers Union 690 will meet at the Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., on June 10, for election of officers.

LABOR-SUPPORTED CANDIDATES WIN SAL. SCHOOL POSTS

Salinas school board elections were held last week, with two candidates supported by labor unions for the high school board of trustees winning board posts.

Victorious in the high school trustee balloting were Dr. Edward Hirschberg and Ted Nelson. Both had been voted support of Teachers Union 1020, the Central Labor Council in Salinas, and other union organizations.

KEEP TO THE RIGHT

If you are not driving as fast as other traffic on the highway, you are required to keep to the right even though you may already be driving as fast as the law allows. This law is intended to prevent slower-than-average drivers from blocking a busy highway.

Teamster Notes

Santa Rosa 624 opened lumber pacts, asking two-bits more. . . . All is in readiness for the annual Truck Check, to be held June 14 through 19, considerably sharpened up by the recent Chicago conferences. . . . L. A. Dump Truck 420 settled with AGC on 11c to 14c raise. . . . Seattle office paid 1,820 claims for benefits and time loss under union welfare plan. . . . Western Conference meets in the Olympic Hotel, Seattle, July 6. . . . Seattle taxi meters tested by a gadget that registers as cab is put on rollers; green seal goes on box if it's OK. . . . S. R. "Pat" Burkholder of Sparks, Nev. (just outside Reno), driver of a tractor-semitrailer unit for the Garrett Freightlines, Pocatello, who has driven for 27 years without an accident and risked his life to save injured motorists, has been named Driver of the Year.

Work Slower For Laborers At Salinas

Construction work for members of Salinas Laborers Union 272 has slowed in the past two weeks, according to Business Agent Wray D. Empie, business agent of the union. Several major projects have been completed.

New work to be started soon includes 14 miles of underground storage line in the Pinos Valley, where Engineers, Ltd., of Avenal, is starting grading, leveling and construction of an access road. Ted Baun Co. of Fresno, has contract for two road jobs in the area, the old stage coach road and the Warner Hill road.

'Praise Eisenhower, Pass the Gravy'

President Eisenhower's killing of price control, and the return to the so-called "free market" is going to have a pleasant effect on the profits of some corporations, financial writers conclude. For example, Francis I. duPont & Co., brokers, of No. 1 Wall Street, has issued a list of companies described as "beneficiaries of end of price control." It gives 40 sample companies, most of which "will gain by being able to charge more realistically for their products."

Some of the biggest U.S. monopoly companies are included in the list, for example, Aluminum Co. of America, Anaconda Copper, American Can, Armco Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Calumet & Helca, Johns-Manville, Kennecott Copper, National Steel, Phelps Dodge, Republic Steel, Reynolds Metals, Swift & Co., U.S. Steel, and Texas Gulf Sulphur.

Of course these "realistic" (higher) prices should not in the least disturb the peace of mind of the average consumer. For the "free market system," as the National City Bank points out in its March letter, "permits determination by the consumer of the amounts, types and qualities of products he wants at prices he is willing to pay." The housewife should bear this fine principle in mind the next time she is haggling with Swift & Co. (in the person of the corner butcher) about the price she is "willing to pay" for her soup meat or breakfast bacon.

Anchovies Sought By Fishermen Here

Fishermen in the Monterey fleet were expected to set sail after the "light of the moon" to seek anchovies in local waters, according to union officials. June usually is a good month for anchovies, it was said.

Last week, Peninsula Packing Co. called union fish cannery workers to process some tuna that had been shipped in by truck, officials reported.

Poultry experts, concerned with the disastrous effect of bronchitis on egg quality, are immunizing pullets between four and sixteen weeks at the Davis campus of the University of California.

Teachers 1020 Elect Officers

Officers were elected by Teachers Union 1020 of Monterey County at the union's meeting last week, the officers to serve for the school year 1953-54. Elected were:

President: John Lewis.
Vice-President: Dr. B. L. Borough.
Treasurer: Keith McKillop.
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Thelma Fox.
Corresponding Secretary: Fred Clayton.
Editor, Monterey County Teacher: Mrs. Marjorie Logan.
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Grievance Committee: Russell Messner, Donald Thompson, Donald Tarr.
Executive Board: Gordon Miller, Edgar Yarberry, Peter McLennan, Virginia Gilbert.

Crop damage by smog in Southern California may be cut to a minimum by modifying irrigation and fertilization practices, according to research on the Riverside campus of the University of California.

Carpenter Notes

N. Cal. wage talks resumed May 28 at S.F. Hotel Whitcomb. . . . Six Bay Area millmen and cabinet makers' locals got new contract with 7½c increase effective May 1, some 2,500 covered. . . . Auxiliaries, locals now planning summer picnics. . . . So. Cal. joint conference voted to ratify 13c boost to \$2.70, but no health plan.

Funds Sought For Salinas Rodeo Float

Appeal was made by the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week for donations of funds from local unions for the council's float in the coming Salinas Rodeo parade.

Council Secretary A. J. Clark said size and type of float will depend on the cooperation of unions. It has been suggested that the float contain a replica of the new Community Hospital.

At the last council meeting, \$10 was voted to the Optimist Club boys camp fund. Amendments to council by-laws were read, explained, discussed and then tabled until the next meeting, Friday night, June 5, Clark said.

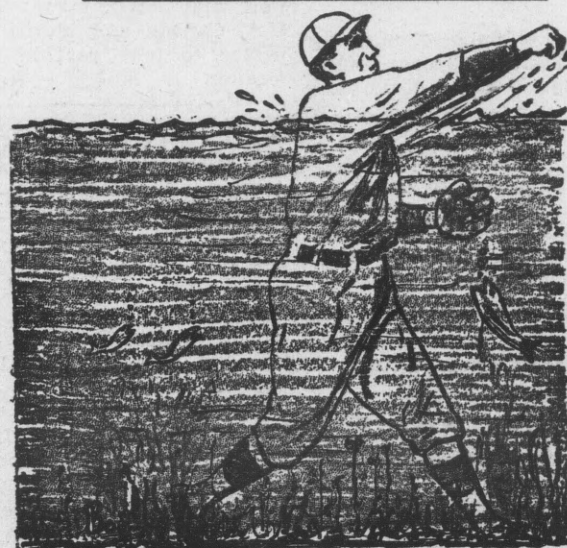
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